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A CONVENTION IS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION

On Saturday, June 5, registration will open for S.L.A.'s 39th Annual Convention at the Hotel Statler, Convention Headquarters. The program will be stimulating and you will receive many inspiring ideas not only from the speakers, but from the opportunity of association with others who have similar aims and problems of your own.

If there is doubt whether it is worthwhile to attend the convention, let us concentrate on the rewards.

True, you can read the report in your Alman-

ack and you can read the papers in Special Libraries. But do you know the speaker? Did you hear the discussion?

The biggest reward for attending conventions is the opportunity to become personally acquainted with the leaders in the field. This association with librarians of vision and action makes us more effective in our job performance and enables us to appreciate the work of others.

Receiving a first-hand knowledge of methods and organization is another contribution that

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the conference offers. The ideas set forth will broaden our viewpoint, and much of this information may be used in another form. There can be no vision for the individuals who never communicate to one another the end-products of their labor. Without vision we perish.

The general satisfaction that comes from working out the unsolved problems within our field, clarifying aims and objectives, and formulating policies should not be missed by anyone of us. It matters a great deal to everyone just what is done for the future of the profession and for the librarian. We should not plan to do this year's work without a renewed confidence

in the worth of our cause.

Our Association is doing its bit by keeping the members informed of the new advances made in the field by holding meetings where papers are presented and discussed and by disseminating the information contained in these papers through publication.

So, let us attend this University from which emanates a fresh supply of facts and a stream of new ideas. We will emerge with a free and resourceful intelligence eager to apply it to our problems in an effort to understand and master them.

FUTURE INDICATIVE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

JUNE 6 - 12, 1948

Future Indicative is the theme for the Special Libraries Association 39th Annual Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., June, 1948, with headquarters at the Hotel Statler.

Part I, "The Past Is Prologue," will be a guided tour of historic shrines and places of special interest to a profession concerned with the recorded past, on Sunday, June 6.

Part II, "The Present," under the direction of Dr. Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress, will be a two-day Federal Library Institute to acquaint visitors with the work-shop problems in federal libraries and the library services emanating from Washington.

"Uncle Sam's Workshops" will be visited on Monday when the day will be divided between the Library of Congress and the Government Printing Office. On Tuesday, the following libraries will be visited: U. S. Department of Agriculture, Army Medical Library, U. S. Treasury, Federal Security Agency, U. S. Department of Labor, U. S. Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, National Institute of Health, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Office of Technical Services, U. S. Bureau of the Budget, U. S. Patent Office, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National War College, Naval Medical

Center, Smithsonian Institution, and the Freer Gallery of Art.

A party will be held on Tuesday evening, June 8, when S.L.A. executives will be featured. Mr. Phillips Temple, librarian of Riggs Memorial Library of Georgetown University, will preside at this "Who's Who in S.L.A." party, and conduct the quiz to identify the S.L.A. Executives, Group Chairmen and Chapter Presidents.

Mrs. Irene M. Strieby, Association president and librarian of Eli Lilly Laboratories, will convene the Association for Part III, "The Future," on Wednesday, June 9.

Outstanding speakers, expert in fields of knowledge used in advertising, business, finance, insurance, science-technology, social sciences, transportation, education, legislative research, and fine arts, are scheduled to address subject group meetings at Thursday sessions on "Information at Source." The formal convention will adjourn Friday, following the annual business meeting of the Special Libraries Association and the installation of new officers.

Washington, D. C., Chapter, will entertain Friday evening on a moonlight cruise down the Potomac River, and on Saturday additional library visits in Washington and vicinity will be arranged.

PROGRAM OF SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY GROUP AT ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 7 Through 12, 1948, Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C.

MONDAY — JUNE 7, 1948

- 9:30 A.M.—Federal Library Institute
12:30 P.M.—Luncheon at Government Printing Office
2:00 P.M.—U. S. Government Printing Office
7:00 P.M.—Federal Institute Dinner
Speaker: Jonathan Daniels, "Frontiers of the Potomac"

TUESDAY — JUNE 8, 1948

- A.M.—Federal Library Institute
Visits to Libraries of:
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Army Medical Library
National Institute of Health
12:30 P.M.—Luncheon at Department of Agriculture Cafeteria
2:00-5:00 P.M.—Library Visits:
U. S. Patent Office
Smithsonian Institution
National War College
Office of Technical Services
Civil Aeronautics Administration
Coast and Geodetic Survey
4:00 P.M.—Commerce Building
8:00 P.M.—Party: Who's Who in S.L.A.
Entertainment

WEDNESDAY — JUNE 9, 1948

- 9:30 A.M.—Advisory Council Meeting
Reports and Recommendations to the Membership
12:30 P.M.—ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON — Opening of Convention
Speaker: Olive Clapper, "Washington Tapestry"
3:00 P.M.—S-T GROUP MEETING
Panel on Publicizing Technical Library Service
1. "Records of Research in a Library"
Lura Shorb — Hercules Powder Experiment Station
2. "Publicizing a Company Library"
Alma Mitchill—Public Service Co. of N. J.
3. "Publicizing an Institutional Library"
Ruth Beedle—Institute of Textile Technology
4. "Education in the Use of a Library"
E. C. McClintock—Engineering Library, University of Va.
5:00 P.M.—Business Meeting
Election of New Officers
6:00 P.M.—Cocktail Party in Honor of New Officers
British Embassy Reception
8:00 P.M.—Group Chairmen Meeting with Liaison Committees

THURSDAY — JUNE 10, 1948

- 8:00 A.M.—Breakfast Meetings of Informal Subgroups
Textile, Metals, etc. (Sign at notice on Bulletin Board)

9:15 A.M.—SECTION MEETINGS OF S-T GROUPS

Pharmaceutical Section

1. "Organization and Administration of a Pharmaceutical Library"
Albert L. Brown—Upjohn Co.
2. "Current Practices in Pharmaceutical Libraries"
Gertrude Horndler, Schering Corp., and Winifred Sewell, E. R. Squibb Co.
3. Dr. John McDonnell, vice-president Schering Corp., Bloomfield, N. J.
Subject to be announced

9:45-11:45 A.M.—Engineering-Aeronautical Section Joint with Transportation Group

1. "Serials for Aeronautical Research"
Morris H. Smith—Institute of Aeronautical Sciences
2. "Lecture Demonstration of Microwave Electronics"
Graham Callahan-Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co.

Business Meeting
Petroleum Section
Business Meeting

12:30 P.M.—S-T GROUP LUNCHEON

Mr. L. Kingsland, Commissioner of Patents, Guest Speaker

2:00-5:00 P.M.—Petroleum Section Meeting (following lunch and in same room)

Symposium on Patents

1. "The Patent Office Classification"
M. F. Bailey-Supervisory Classification Examiner
2. "Patent Searching"
C. D. Stores, Patent Attorney, Standard Oil Development Co.
3. "Patents in the Library"
W. L. Powlison, Librarian, Automobile Mfrs. Association

5:00 P.M.—Siamese Embassy Reception

8:00 P.M.—ASSOCIATION BANQUET

Speaker: Howland H. Sargeant

FRIDAY — JUNE 11, 1948

9:00 A.M.—S-T GROUP METHODS MEETING

Problems in Classification and Indexing

1. "General Canons of Indexing and Classification"
C. D. Gull—Library of Congress
2. "Indexing of Alloy Systems"
Ralph Hopp—Battelle Memorial Institute (Tentative)
3. "Organic Chemical Patents Indexing"
H. Isbell—General Mills, Inc.

4. "Classification and Steps in Making a Code for Punched Card Application"

Ruth Curtis—Hercules Powder Co.

12:30 P.M.—ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

Final Business Meeting
Introduction of New Officers

3:00 P.M.—Visit to U. S. Bureau of Standards

5:00 P.M.—Reception at Pan American Union

7:00 P.M.—Cruise on Potomac
Buffet Supper on Ship

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD- ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The executive Board and Advisory Council met in conference at the Pennsylvania Hotel, Friday, March 19th. In the audience were seen many of our S-T Librarians: Lucy Lewton, Lura Shorb, Gretchen Little, Dr. Fertig, Gertrude Schutze, Ruth Leonard, Ann Nicholson, Gerritt Fielstra and Robert Sale.

Some important matters considered by the Board and Council are detailed below.

Should S.L.A. accredit special library courses?

Mr. Voigt suggested that a committee should be developed in S.L.A. to give guidance in developing courses in library schools. Emphasis was placed on basic subject knowledge first. Therefore it was recommended that subject courses be taken coincident with library work. It was considered unwise for S.L.A. to undertake accrediting now since all library schools are in a state of flux. Inasmuch as all library schools are reconsidering their entire curriculum and are developing a Masters program rather than the fifth year bachelor degree, it was recommended that S.L.A. make a survey of techniques that are different in order to help the library schools in developing their schedules.

Why raise dues?

S.L.A. has been hit by increased prices: printing costs for Special Libraries were \$2,000 more than anticipated; S.L.A. spent \$3,000 more last year than was budgeted and took in \$4,000 less than anticipated. The Association has not raised dues in the last decade and thus it was recommended that Associate dues be

raised from \$2 to \$4, Active from \$5 to \$7, and Institutional from \$15 to \$20. The majority favored an increase in Institutional membership and limiting the Associate membership to five years.

Immediate future problems of T.B.R.I.

Dr. Fertig reported that the Technical Book Review Index is a financial success. We have 211 foreign subscribers and 926 domestic subscriptions, all these without solicitation. Dr. Fertig suggested that now is the time to solicitate foreign libraries and also those libraries that the United States maintains in foreign countries. Since there is a scarcity of dollars in Europe it would be wise to offer an introductory subscription at a discount. It was recommended that S.L.A. advertise not only in library magazines but also in scientific journals thus directly contacting the research man. T.B.R.I. should have a ten-year cumulative index. This would include 18,000 entries and would run to 60 pages, a printing cost of about \$1,000.

Microcards

Mrs. Keenleyside exhibited the microcard which is a standard catalog card with cataloging on one side and the book on the other side. If a book contains more than 100 pages, more than one card must be used. The newest machines being developed are portable and cost \$200. The saving in using microcards is obvious: (1) expense of space cut down, (2) book cost is cut since unit of purchase is one card—for subscribers 20c, (3) cataloging cost in cut

for the book is fully cataloged with Dewey and L.C. numbers, (4) binding cost is also cut. Purchasers will subscribe to the service by subject fields. This is the least expensive method—20c a unit. Individual titles cost 30c a unit, analyticals, 40c a unit. If the item involves a royalty charge then it is 5c additional. Annual subscribers will make selections of books to be microcarded.

Secretary's Report

Mrs. Stebbins reports that Headquarters will at last occupy one entire floor at 31 East 10th Street. Space will be available for Group and Chapter archives and a committee meeting room is also planned.

S.L.A. salary survey

Basing his remarks on 1,745 returns on the salary survey questionnaire, Mr. Hausdorfer stated that the mode for 1947 was \$3,100. The concentration is between \$3,000 and \$4,000. As regards qualifications, education is found to be the most important factor in salary determination; experience is secondary. The size of staff is not important in salary determination. Staff becomes important when the question of professional against non-professional and clerical is introduced. The larger the clerical staff the lower the general salary level. The following mean salaries were reported: abstractor, \$2,400; Cataloger, \$2,850; Head Cataloger, \$3,300; Classifier, \$3,300; Editor, \$3,600; Bibliographer, \$3,500; Head Librarian, \$2,400-\$12,000. The salary survey will appear in the April issue of *Special Libraries*.

Awards Committee

The Committee proposes the following awards: Life membership in S.L.A. and \$100, \$100 only, or Life membership in S.L.A. only to a member for publication of an article or book, delivery of a speech, or leadership in group activity. No group awards. Write to Miss Manley if you have other ideas.

Publications Committee

Current projects include two subject headings lists and the General and S-T Group manuals. There is a need for worthwhile publications and writers. Miss Shorb would like members to make their ideas known to her.

Evaluation of Business Services

Miss Vormelker has plans for a Bulletin which would review new services. It would be mimeographed and appear semi-annually at first. Such a publication would redound to the prestige of S.L.A. A pre-press draft was circulated.

Public Relations

Please send Mr. Christ, Duke University, clippings of news releases about librarians' activities in your section.

SCIENCE LIBRARIES AND PUBLICATIONS FEATURED

The spring book issues of *Science* (April 30) and *The Scientific Monthly* (May issue) will carry useful information about scientific and technical books and the science libraries.

The Scientific Monthly will feature the special libraries with three articles about the organization and management of scientific information. Luther D. Evans, Librarian of Congress, will have an article entitled "The Library of Congress as the National Library of Science." A paper, "The Utilization of Scientific Knowledge," is the contribution of J. W. Parry of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Chairman of the Punched-Card Committee of the American Chemical Society. Developments in the international exchange of scientific publications will be the subject of Dan M. Lacy's article, "International Cultural Cooperation."

The publication *Science* will show the development of scientific and technical books and periodicals. One article will cover the significant books published during the AAAS century, 1849-1948. The second article will trace the growth of scientific journals during the same period. Still a third article will list the important overseas publishers of scientific books.

Be sure to see these book issues with their greatly enlarged book review sections covering recent domestic and foreign books.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Proposed Cosmetic Library

The newly formed Society of Cosmetic Chemists has organized a committee to explore the possibility of establishing a central library of books and periodicals covering the cosmetic and perfume fields.

Mr. Edward Sagarin, advertising manager of Givaudan-Delawanna is chairman of the committee. Other members include Florence E. Wall, consulting chemist and author, and Frederick J. Rowse of the Norda Essential Oil and Chemical Co.

Library Institute

The University of Chicago Graduate Library School will hold its thirteenth Annual Institute at the university during August 16-21, 1948. The subject will be Education for Librarianship. The whole program of education for librarianship will be examined for the Graduate Library School feels that a new pattern of library education is probably developing. The institute will discuss such topics as the place of professional education in the university, the relationship between education for librarianship and education for other professions, the professional background of librarians, the content of library training and training in special fields, and advanced training and research in librarianship. Practical aspects will be emphasized and both practitioners and educators will participate.

Crerar Builds Up Chemical Collection

The Chicago Chemical Library Foundation, which was started last year as a joint project of the Chicago section of the A.C.S. and the Chicago Chemists' Club, has provided funds to help build up the John Crerar Library's collection of chemical literature. The Crerar library will use the funds to subscribe to chemical journals published in 14 different countries.

The Foundation intends to spend \$100,000 over a 10-year period for this purpose. Funds are being raised by contributions from Chicago area companies employing technical personnel.

Mr. M. M. Piskur of Swift & Co. is chairman of the library committee of the Foundation for 1948.

TO NOTE FROM HERE AND THERE

M. L. A.'s Fiftieth Anniversary

The Medical Library Association will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary at the annual meeting in Philadelphia, May 28-30, with headquarters at the Warwick Hotel. The Association was founded in Philadelphia in 1898 and its commemoration is prominently featured on the program. Some of the addresses are: "The History of the Association," by Archibald Malloch, Librarian of the New York Academy of Medicine; "The Medical Library Association and Medicine," by Chauncey D. Leake, University of Texas; and "The Medical Library Association Faces the Future," by Mrs. Eileen R.

Cunningham, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine Library and President of the Association. The speaker at the annual dinner, May 29th, will be O. H. Perry Pepper of the University of Pennsylvania.

Practical library problems will be discussed at the group meetings.

New National Scientific Organization

The Scientific Research Society of America, a non-profit corporation devoted to the encouragement and promotion of scientific research, has been formed with headquarters at Yale University.

The new national scientific organization is sponsored by and affiliated with the Society of the Sigma Xi, a national honorary scientific organization.

The primary purpose of the new group will be to organize chapters in the research laboratories of leading industrial plants as well as in technical schools in this country. The Society will develop an exchange of ideas about the latest trends in scientific research by means of local group activities, national lectureships, publications, and grants-in-aid.

Conference on Scientific Information Services

A Conference, which will consider information services from the point of view of the scientific user, will be held in London during June 21-July 2. It is sponsored by The Royal Society. It is hoped that all scientific subjects will be covered including agriculture, medicine and engineering. The Conference will be divided into four sections: Section 1—publication and distribution of papers reporting original work; Section 2—abstracting services; Section 3—indexing and other library services; Section 4—reviews, annual reports, etc. The practical aspects will be emphasized including the financing of these projects and the requisite personnel.

Cumulative Index to Monthly Catalog

A suggestion has been made to the U. S. Government Printing Office that a Cumulative Index to the Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications be issued covering the period January 1, 1941 through December 31, 1947. This would provide in one volume of approximately 1,500 pages bound in buckram a reference guide for all Federal Government publications issued during this period. The Cumulative Index will also include Supplements 1, 2, and 3 to the Monthly Catalog. The cost of each volume would be between \$20.00 and \$25.00.

Technical Bibliography Supplement

Preparation of the manuscript of the supplement to the National Research Council's bibliography, "Scientific, Medical and Technical Books Published in the United States of America 1930-1944," edited by R. R. Hawkins, to be published early in 1949, is now under way. The supplement will include new titles and substantially-revised new editions published in 1945, 1946, 1947 and, possibly, 1948. The inclusion of 1948 publications is now being considered by the committee in charge of the project.

The range of subjects covered in the supplement will, of course, be the same as in the original volume which was published in 1946.

JACS Reprints

The Johnson Reprint Corp., 125 East 23rd Street, N. Y., has been authorized by the American Chemical Society to reprint and sell the first 25 volumes of the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*. The reprint will include the "Proceedings of the A.C.S.," 1876-1878; the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, 1879-1903; and the General Index to volumes 1-20. Publication date is announced as August 1st and orders are now being accepted. The price will be \$300 for the complete set or \$12.50 per volume.

Standards for Book-Dates

The British Standards Association has issued a pamphlet (B.S. 1413:1947) on book-sizes and on the dating of books, laying down standards which it is hoped will be universally used. Although they concern printers and publishers more directly, they are not without practical value to librarians. The following terms have been standardized for book-dates; Impression—a number of copies printed or reprinted from the same type; reprints are impressions, not new editions. Edition—a number of copies printed at any one time when either the text has undergone change or the type has been partly or entirely reset or the format has been altered. Reissue—the republication, in a different form, of part of an edition or edition which has already appeared on the market. A book should bear on the front or back of the title page the year of publication of the edition or impression of which it forms part. In "first editions" these words should follow the date of publication and, in other cases, the dates of all impressions and editions should appear on the back of the title page. Where possible, dates should include the month as well as the year. Translations should bear not only their own date but the date of the edition of the original from which they are translated.

Fiat Review of German Science

The first volumes of the FIAT Review of German Science, 1939-1946, have begun to appear. The project is to contain 86 volumes: 16 of physics, 24 of chemistry, 7 of mathematics, 27 of different branches of medicine, 4 of biology, and 8 of science of the earth. Thus far the following volumes have already appeared and they are distributed by the Office of Technical Services according to the Library of Congress' recommendations: "Biochemistry," Vol. I, edited by Richard Kuhn; "Physics of Solids," Vol. I, edited by G. Joos; "Radiology," H. Holthusen; "Bacteriology and Immunology," H. Schmidt; "Virus Diseases of Man," R. Bieling and H. Heinlein; and "Anatomy, Histology and Embryology," B. Stoehr.

An identical edition is in preparation under German auspices. This is to appear under the title "Naturforschung und Medizin in Deutschland," 1939-1946.

Medical Literature Exchange

UNESCO plans to distribute abroad urgently-needed medical literature from the duplicates in American medical libraries. This new service was inaugurated by UNESCO and the American Medical Library Association. Under the new plan, American medical libraries will send lists of available duplicates to UNESCO. This organization will distribute the lists to foreign libraries and handle requests for the material listed. At present, foreign libraries will not be able to offer many publications in return, but the plan calls for eventual establishment of an exchange in which the American libraries would receive foreign publications.

MUST GET, MUST READ

"The Use of Punched Card techniques in the coding of inorganic compounds."

Bailar, John C. et al
Journal Chemical Education 25(3):142-43(1948)

For abstract see *Ye Alchemical Libraries Almanack* March, 1948.

"Indexing abstracts."

Bernier, C. L. and E. J. Crane
Industrial Engineering Chemistry. 40(4):725-30(1948)

"New abstracting tools in the field of medicine."

Bloch, Maxene Hubbard
Bull. Med. Lib. Assn. 36 (1): 53-58(1948)

Since the war a number of specialized abstract journals have appeared which include highly selective material. The author presents an annotated list of nineteen services giving publisher and price.

"An introduction to medical terminology. I. Greek and Latin derivations."
Banay, George L.
Bull. Med. Lib. Assn. 36(1):1-27(1948)

Three-fourths of our medical terminology is of Greek origin. Here is an aid in learning the vocabulary of medicine. Dr. Banay lists the most frequently used roots, prefixes, and suffixes with their meanings and examples thus enabling the student to analyze the medical terms into component parts.

"International bacteriological code of nomenclature."
Buchanan, R. E. ed.
J. Bacteriology 55(3):287-306(1948)

Here is a precise system of nomenclature which provides for the consideration of the special nomenclature problems of botanists and zoologists, and which is integrated with the systems used by these groups.

"Recent progress in patent classification."
Cochran, S.W.
Industrial Engineering Chemistry 40(4):731-33(1948)

"Inter-library loans from the viewpoint of the small library."
Hirschfeld, Claire
Bull. Med. Lib. Assn. 36(1):46-50(1948)

The purpose and obligations of inter-library loans are briefly outlined. Very often the borrowing library is guilty of the following sins: negligence in verifying references, listing requests unsystematically, using abbreviations for journal titles, or requesting material that should be in the library. In return for loans they receive, the smaller library might supply large libraries with local literature, prepare a list of all its journals and send it to the libraries from which it borrows; also send to lending libraries copies of bibliographies on work which is being carried on exclusively in its organization.

"The philosophy of classification of chemical literature."
Huntress, Ernest H.
Industrial Engineering Chemistry 40(3):473-76(1948)

"Presentation of technical results." In:
Kirkbride, C. G. "Chemical Engineering Fundamentals,"
N. Y., McGraw-Hill, 1947, Chapter X; pp. 344-62

The chapter discusses the type of written reports, essential requirements of a report, preparation of the formal report, and typical forms of reports.

"Modern terminology in physics."
Moon, Parry
American Journal of Physics 16(2):100-104(1948)

The paper presents a proposed terminology for physics. Important concepts are included and redundant ones are omitted. A number of international words are suggested to replace unsatisfactory concept names. The whole set of concepts is unified by means of the mks system of units.

"Take a new look at libraries."
Murphy, Eileen
Seventeen March, 1948: 139, 170, 172-73

This well-written article describes the interesting and exciting work of a special librarian and the opportunities that it offers to the young college graduate.

"Inorganic chemical nomenclature."
McKinley, Lloyd
Wichita, Kansas, University of Wichita, 1947. 37 p. 35c
An elementary manual emphasizing rules for naming compounds and writing formulas.

"Indexing, classifying, and coding the chemical literature."
Perry, James W.
Industrial Engineering Chemistry 40(3):476-77(1948)

"Abstracting research reports."
Stork, L. C. and K. C. Cousins
Journal Chemical Education 25(3):130-133(1948)

For abstract see Ye Alchemical Libraries Almanack, March, 1948.

"Numerical index key for the Beilstein system."
Taylor, F. Lowell
Industrial Engineering Chemistry 40(3):470-73(1948)

"Enumerative nomenclature for organic ring systems."
Taylor, F. Lowell
Industrial Engineering Chemistry 40(4):734-38(1948)

"Microfilming of records."
Noll, Daniel F.
U. S. War Department, Technical Manual TM12-257, March 1946, 40c.

The book deals with large scale copying of records. It describes in detail the cost estimation, the selection of the method by which copying is to be done, the preparation of the material for copying, then the inspection of the finished rolls of film, and the indexing of the data so that it is readily accessible. An interesting section deals with the legal aspects of microfilm records.

"Revised list of translated German documents."
Holloway, O. Willar, comp.
U. S. Office of Technical Services

The list is a revision, completely replacing the basic list dated December 1, 1947, and the Supplement No. 1, dated January 15, 1948.

"Microfilming."
Wells, L.
Information 1(2):4-10, December, 1947.

The characteristics of microfilming and its adaptation to the needs of any particular library are discussed. The commercial Recordak machines, the Portable Microfile Recordak, Model E, the Micro-file Recordak, Model D, and two modified units, Models CI and C2 Microfile Recordaks are described. One other copying unit is the 35 mm. portable Graflex Photo-Record designed for smaller volume work than the Recordak equipment. The processing facilities for microfilm negatives is discussed, and suggestions and recommendations for preserving microfilm are made.

"Reproduction techniques for reports and information service."
Weil, B. H. and J. C. Lane
Journal Chemical Education 25(3):134-41(1948)

The paper presents a survey of those methods which can be used to duplicate factual material effectively and economically.

NEWS OF THE HUMAN SIDE

Elizabeth Bowerman, librarian of Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pa., has graciously consented to serve until June, 1948, as National Chemistry Section Chairman, extending her term from last year.

Lucy O. Lewton will be hostess to the New York and New Jersey S-T librarians at a dinner meeting at the Research Laboratories of the Celanese Corp. of America in Summit, N. J., on May 6.

